

Torrance Rod and Gun Club



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

WORMS! WORMS! AND MORE WORMS! The next time you go fishing and you have to pay what you think is a high price for worms, hesitate for a moment and say to yourself, "How did these worms get here?" We are going to try to give you some inside information on the life of an earthworm.

Your writer visited Jerry Dougherty, owner and operator of the Sure Bite Bait Co., at 22536 Halldale Avenue, and received some very interesting information on the life of a worm.

First, there are basically four kinds of worms used commercially for bait or food. The Nite Crawler, the largest; the medium size Red Wiggler; the small or White Worm; and the Grub or Meal Worm.

The Nite Crawler, the largest of the specie, comes from Canada, North East United States, and Africa. The Canadian variety is the most popular, due to their hardy nature. These worms are not cultured or raised but grown wild and are gathered by members of a Worm Gathering Union of Toronto, Canada.

This union numbers some 300 members who pick up these Nite Crawlers at night. They show up best on a rainy night and are found mostly on campuses, large parks and near streams. They are picked up during the dark of the moon. These big worms are very sensitive to light. Even a full moon keeps them from showing up.

Most Nite Crawlers come from Canada, Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Idaho. They keep best in temperature of 40 to 45 degrees, in a special prepared bedding made of ground up paper and seeds. They can be kept for four to six months under refrigeration. Temperature above 65 degrees will kill them. These worms take three to six years to mature and have a life span of about 13 years. They attain a length of six to eight inches long and a quarter to three-eighths of an inch in diameter.

The Sure Bite Bait Co. employs eight workers who spend 40 to 48 hours a week preparing, packing, and shipping worms. Jerry tells me they ship 25,000 Night Crawlers a week to users all over the United States and Canada, from March 1 to October 1.

If you are fishing a lake where there are bass, try a Night Crawler on a weedless hook and move it across the bottom or near the shore and you will be surprised what a bass will do to it. Excellent for Catfish, also.

The African Night Crawler is a tropical worm and will die in temperature under 50 degrees. They are not as hardy as their Northern Brothers.

The Red Wigglers are a medium size red worm raised in large box-like pens right here on Halldale Avenue. The Sure Bite Bait Co. raises more than 30 million a year. These smaller worms are a year old before they are large enough for use as bait. From March 1 to October 1, Jerry says they ship some 250 thousand a week. These are excellent bait for Blue Gill, Crappie, Trout, and Catfish.

Another worm, the smallest of the bunch, is called the White Worm. It takes over 3,600 of these to weigh an ounce. This company produces over a half ton a year of these wee worms, used for feed for tropical fish.

The Grub or Meal Worm is a small yellow specimen about an inch long. Some times referred to as the Golden Beetle, it is actually the Larva of the Black Wheat Beetle. It hatches from the egg, remains a Grub a short time and then goes into the pupa stage from which it gradually changes into a mature beetle. It is in the Larva stage that fish go crazy for this bait.

The Sure Bite Bait Co. raises some 90 million Meal Worms a year. These, besides bait, are used for food for the Kiwi birds in the San Diego Zoo, the only ones in captivity.

Jerry informs me they use over a 180 thousand plastic containers a year. Night Crawlers are packed a dozen to a container, while the Red worms are packed 100 per container. All worms are counted and packed by hand. The lower Colorado River area uses between 3,000 and 3,500 containers a week.

If you fish the ocean, try meal worms for perch around the pilings and rocks. You will find they work very well. Nite Crawlers are a good substitute for the fast vanishing Blook worms, for Corbina and Croaker.

Contrary to what is said, worms are not good for flower gardens or rose beds unless the proper care and cultivation is maintained. This information is available at the Sure Bite Bait Co. If you are having trouble keeping your lawn green, ask for a bag of Golden Perk Up.

So next time you purchase a container of worms, consider what is involved and treat them like an expensive lure instead of a messy bait.

Don't forget trapshoot with Redondo Rod & Gun Club Sunday, at Aqua Serria. Steak dinner is Tuesday night.

Samohi Beaten Twice

Santa Monica's pace setting baseball team has fallen back into the pack after two straight shutout losses to South and West High.

Jim Mullens of the Warriors threw a one-hitter against Samohi Tuesday for a 3-0 victory. Mullens retired 20 batters in a row before Greg Casillas tripled with two away in the seventh.

The Vikings (3-2) are even with West and North High in the standings. South and Mira Costa have 4-1 records.

North won its third straight game Tuesday by unloading 15 hits against Redondo. The Saxons started with three runs in the first inning on their way to a 10-2 triumph. Dave Skaggs and Art Frasquillo both had three hits. Royal Stillman homered with a man aboard in the fourth.

West scored runs in the first, second, and fourth innings. Dean Owens clubbed two hits and drove in two runs.

Winning the close ball games is what Coach Jerry McIlvaine of South believes will make the difference in the pennant race and his team stayed on top with a 5-4 win over Hawthorne. After the Cougars got two runs in the second inning, South got four in the bottom of the frame.

A 4-1 tie was broken in the bottom of the sixth when winning pitcher Dennis Rector singled home a run.

In games today West is at South, Inglewood at Hawthorne, Mira Costa at Redondo, and North at Santa Monica.

Imports Featured At Track

With thoroughbred stars imported from France, Argentina and Chile ready to battle many of the best American-bred grass runners now in training, the second running of the \$75,000 added Century Handicap on Saturday is shaping up as a true international spectacle.

The Century is the first of 20 stakes that will be run over Hollywood's Lakeside Turf Course this season. Last year it was Eastern Invader Model Fool who prevailed at the mile and one-furlong distance. For its renewal on Saturday, the Century has been lengthened to the demanding distance of a mile and three-eighths.

French-bred Petrone, hero of the recent San Juan Capistrano at Santa Anita, is expected to be the starting high weight in the Century as he bids for his second straight U.S. win under 125 pounds.

Attend Meeting

Representing Torrance Unified School District at the 19th annual convention of California Council for Retarded Children to be held May 1 through 4 in Oxnard will be Lester I. Foster, principal of Columbia School.

Little League Moves Into New Facilities

Pacific Coast Little League will hold opening day at its new ball park at 9 a.m. Saturday with Mayor Albert Isen in attendance.

Rev. Gary Freeman, of the Torrance Church of Christ will give the opening prayer.

Guy Lee, league president issued an invitation to league residents to attend and view the new ball fields and snack bar facilities.

"Pacific Coast Little League

Antista Replaces Swade



CHANGING JOBS . . . Following the announcement that Coach George Swade (left) is leaving Bishop Montgomery High to become offensive coach for the Seattle Rangers, Mike Antista (right) was named

head football coach and athletic director for the high school. Antista has been at the school four years, having coached lightweight football and served as assistant varsity coach. (Press-Herald Photo)

Coach Joins Pros

Mike Antista, 26, has been named head football coach and athletic director at Bishop Montgomery High School. He succeeds George Swade who is leaving at the end of the school year to become offensive coach for the Seattle Rangers of the professional Continental League.

The changes in the athletic department were announced by Principal Rev. Lawrence Lis.

Coach Antista came to Bishop Montgomery following graduation from Cal Poly of Pomona in 1965. He was coach Class C football for two years and assistant varsity coach two years. He also handled the track and field assignment.

Mike and his wife, Linda, have two children, Julie 3, Theresa 1, and are expecting a third child momentarily.

Antista attended West Covina High School where he played football and baseball.

Coach Swade, who brought championship football to Bishop Montgomery in 1966 and 1968, came to the school in 1962 following a brief assignment at Pomona Catholic High. He is also a graduate of Cal Poly where he was an outstanding college quarterback.

Active with West Torrance Lions Club, Swade helped organize the annual Lions All-Star Football game and is a prominent member of the South Bay Athletic Club.

George and his wife Judy have four daughters and two sons. They plan to move to Seattle in July.

Swade was recruited to professional football by Ranger Coach Don White, formerly of the University of Washington.

Decker Underwood Runs A 4:13.5 Mile

Occasionally a track event comes along that is extraordinary. Such was the mile race Tuesday between Decker Underwood of South High and Ron Johnson of West, two of the best in the business.

Coach Dick Scully of South figured the race would be el-

bow-to-elbow for the entire four laps, but Decker ran away on the first lap and Johnson did not make an attempt to stay with him. It was not until the final 180 yards that Johnson made an attempt to catch Underwood, but it was too late. Underwood's best times this

year are two seconds better than the Bay League record, but to get the record, the time must be run in Bay League prelims or finals.

After the mile race, the score of the meet between South and West was 21-25, but South pulled away on the scoreboard too, 71-47. South won the Bees, 53½ to 41½, and the Cees, 44-42.

In the varsity meet Steve Smith won the long jump in 21', 9½". He also took the pole vault at 15 feet and took second in the low hurdles.

Both hurdles events were won by West's George Handy in the torrid times of 15.1 and 19.5.

Mira Costa is the unbeaten leader in the Bay League competition.

100—F. Smith (W), Link (S), Hernandez (S), 10.1.
200—Link (S), P. Smith (W), Hernandez (S), 23.3.
440—Davis (S), Harlin (S), Lawrence (S), 32.3.
880—Fraser (W), Herman (W), Marsee (S), 2:04.2.

Mile—Underwood (S), Johnson (W), Barker (S), 4:13.5. (Meet-school record)
2 Mile—French (S), Strikeman (S), Tusing (W), 9:35.5.
1.60 LH—Handy (W), S. Smith (S), Hanson (S), 15.5.
440 Relay—South (Youngberg, Palumbo, Link, Hernandez), 44.0.
Mile Relay—South (Lawrence, Hanson, Underwood, Davis), 3:33.6.

8P—Geisert (S), R. Smith (W), Poser (S), 50-10½.
11J—Arca (W), Ball (S), Thomas (W), 5-10.
1J—Smith (S), Garvey (W), Shafer (W), 21-9½.
PV—S. Smith (S), Alnes (W), He between Event and Combs (S), 15-0.

Varsity—South 71, West 47.
Bees—South 53½, West 41½.
Cees—South 44, West 42.

Vince McCullough To Leave Camino

Vince McCullough, backfield coach for football at El Camino College for the past seven years, has been named assistant football coach at Saddleback College in Orange County.

McCullough will continue teaching at El Camino through the six-week summer session and report to Saddleback for the beginning of practice in September.

A graduate of Occidental College, McCullough won little all-American honors as an Oxy quarterback. He came to El Camino in 1962 from Redondo Union High School where he was varsity football coach for seven years.

At Saddleback McCullough will teach health education in addition to his coaching assignments. He has taught health education classes at El Camino as well as physical education classes.

McCullough earned a master's degree at the University of Southern California. An Army veteran he attended Belmont High School in Los Angeles.

The McCulloughs have four children and their home is in Torrance. They plan to move to a new home near El Toro.

During the years McCullough has been at El Camino as an assistant to head coach Ken Sweagen, the football teams have been top contenders in the tough Metropolitan Conference.

The 1968 Metro championship was won by the Warriors, for the first time since 1954.



VINCE McCULLOUGH

P.V. Heads Head for Sky Title

Building a commanding lead in the Sky League baseball race is Palos Verdes. The Sea Kings whipped their nearest rival Morningside Tuesday, 4-2, to fatten their 8-1 record. The game went 10 innings when John Jacobson blasted a 2-run homer for the win.

Torrance moved up a notch into third place with a 2-1 win over Culver City. Mike McGuire scored the winning run on an error in the third frame. He had two hits.

Rolling Hills won its third game as Daryl Arenstein fashioned one of his better pitching performances, a 4-hitter against Leuzinger.

Earl Cox Wins Race

Earl Cox of Torrance and Dusty Hallett of Wilmington face a 70-car field in Sunday night's tripleheader Figure 8 stock car racing at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Cox roared to a win in last Sunday's 20-lap modified-stock car feature, while Hallett captured the claiming stock car main event on the Figure 8 circuit.

Torrance Girl Excels in Track

Donna Beckstrom of Torrance has been named outstanding woman athlete of the week by Southern California Track Writers. She is one of the U.S.A.'s outstanding sprinters and a member of the Southern California Missiles. The 15 year old freshman at Torrance High School has competed against some of the nation's top women athletes and holds many records.

She went on to capture three first place awards at the Hancock Relays in Santa Maria.

Events which earned her "Outstanding Woman Athlete of the Meet" were 100 yard dash in 11.2, 220 yard dash in 25.5 (a meet record), and anchor position in the winning 440 yard relay (48.9).

Donna is the holder of the southern district AAU record for 12 year olds in the 220 with 25.5 sec. and also the record

for 13 year olds in the 100 yard dash with 11.2. Earlier this season she ran 10.8 (w) in the 100 at Oxnard.

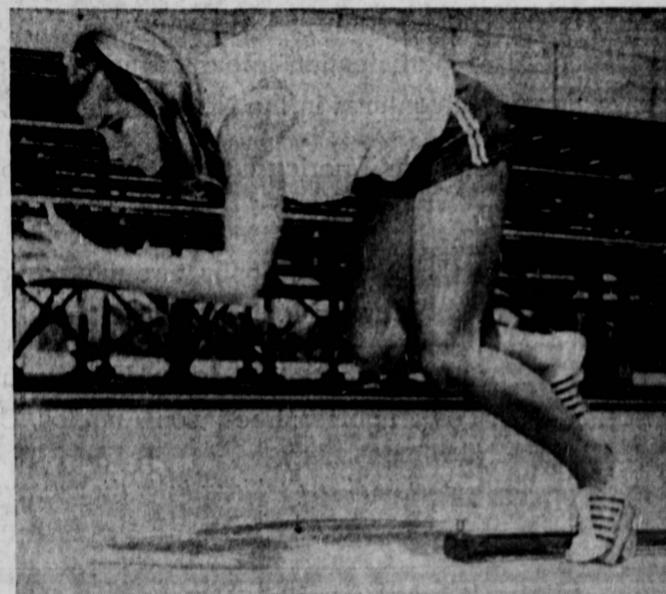
This is her third season with the Southern California Missiles. Last year she competed in the AAU Nationals at Denver, Colorado, and was also on the U.S.A. team during the summer track season in Mexico City.

In the track and field indoor season she ran in the Times Invitational Meet at the Sports Arena and the Herald-Examiner Meet, also at the Sports Arena.

Donna's first love is track, but she is also a competitor in tennis, basketball and swimming. She excels in swimming.

Donna has been invited to run in the Arcadia Invitational Meet next week and the following week she will compete in the Mt. San Antonio College Relays.

Jerome Walters, 1956 Olympian, is the coach of the Southern California Missiles.



SPRINTER . . . Donna Beckstrom of Torrance High was named the outstanding woman athlete of the week for her performance in track and field competition.